

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting of suspected or confirmed communicable diseases is mandated under the New York State Sanitary Code [10NYCRR 2.10](#). The primary responsibility for reporting rests with the physician; moreover, laboratories (**PHL 2102**), school nurses (**10NYCRR 2.12**), day care center directors, nursing homes/hospitals (**10NYCRR 405.3d**) and state institutions (**10NYCRR 2.10a**) or other locations providing health services (**10NYCRR 2.12**) are also required to report the diseases listed below.

WHO SHOULD REPORT - Physicians, nurses, laboratory directors, infection control practitioners, health care facilities, state institutions, schools should report to local health department where patient resides::

Erie County DOH, Department of Disease Control
95 Franklin Street, Room 978
Phone: (716) 858-7697 Fax: (716) 858-7964
To obtain reporting forms (DOH-389), call (518) 474-0548

Report Within 24 hours of diagnosis:
• **phone diseases in bold type**,
• mail case report, DOH-389, for all other diseases.

Reportable Diseases in NYS (Revised 08-04)		
Amebiasis	Hepatitis A	Salmonellosis
Animal bites¹ (for which rabies prophylaxis given)	Hepatitis A in a food handler	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
Anthrax²	Hepatitis B, C(specify acute or chronic)	Shigatoxin-producing infection ⁴
Arboviral infection³	Pregnant hepatitis B carrier	Shigellosis ⁴
Babesiosis	Hospital associated infections (as defined in section 2.2 10NYCRR)	Smallpox²
Botulism²	Legionellosis	Staphylococcus aureus ⁶ (due to strains showing reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin)
Brucellosis²	Listeriosis	Staphylococcal enterotoxin B poisoning²
Campylobacterios	Lyme disease	Streptococcal infection (invasive disease) ⁵
Chancroid	Lymphogranuloma venereum	Group A beta-hemolytic strep
Chlamydia trachomatis infection	Malaria	Group B strep
Cholera	Meningococcal	Streptococcus pneumoniae
Cryptosporidiosis	Measles	Syphilis, specify stage⁷
Cyclosporiasis	Melioidosis²	Tetanus
Diphtheria	Meningitis (Aseptic or viral)- Haemophilus Meningococcal - Other (specify type)	Toxic shock syndrome
E. coli O157:H7 infection ⁴	Meningococcemia	Trichinosis
Ehrlichiosis	Monkeypox	Tuberculosis current disease (specify site)
Encephalitis	Mumps	Tularemia²
Foodborne illness	Pertussis	Typhoid
Giardiasis	Plague²	Vibriosis ⁶
Glanders²	Poliomyelitis	Vaccinia disease⁸
Gonococcal infection	Psittacosis	Viral hemorrhagic fever²
Haemophilus influenzae ³ (invasive disease)	Q Fever²	Yellow Fever
Hantavirus disease	Rabies	Yersiniosis
Hemolytic uremic syndrome	Rocky Mountain spotted fever	
	Rubella (including congenital rubella syndrome)	

1 Local health department must be notified prior to initiating rabies prophylaxis.
2 Diseases that are possible indicators of bioterrorism.
3 Including, but not limited to, infections caused by eastern equine encephalitis virus, western equine encephalitis virus, West Nile virus, St.Louis encephalitis virus, La Crosse virus, Powassan virus, and Jamestown Canyon virus.
4 Positive shigatoxin test results should be reported as presumptive evidence of disease.
5 Only report cases with positive cultures from blood, CSF, joint, peritoneal or pleural fluid. Do not report cases with positive cultures from skin, saliva, sputum or throat.
6 Proposed addition to list.
7 Any non-treponemal test ≥ 1:16 or any positive primary or secondary stage disease or prenatal or delivery test result regardless of titer should be reported by phone; all others may be reported by mail.
8 persons with vaccinia infection due to contact transmission, and persons with the following complications from vaccination: eczema vaccinatum, erythema multiforme major or Stevens-Johnson syndrome, fetal vaccinia, generalized vaccinia, inadvertent inoculation, ocular vaccinia, post-vaccinial encephalitis or encephalomyelitis, progressive vaccinia, pyogenic infection of the infection site, and any other serious adverse events.

SPECIAL NOTES
• Diseases listed in **bold type** warrant prompt action and should be reported **immediately** to local health departments by phone followed by submission of the confidential case report form (DOH-389). In NYC use case report form 395V.
• In addition to the diseases listed above, any unusual disease (defined as a newly apparent or emerging disease or syndrome that could possibly be caused by a transmissible infectious agent or microbial toxin) is reportable.
• Outbreaks: while individual cases of some diseases (e.g., streptococcal sore throat, head lice, impetigo, scabies and pneumonia) are not reportable, a cluster or outbreak of cases of any communicable disease is a reportable event.
• **Cases of HIV infection, HIV-related illness and AIDS are reportable to:**

Division of Epidemiology
P.O. Box 2073, ESP Station
Albany, NY 12220-2073
(518) 474-4284
In New York City: New York City Department of Health
For HIV/AIDS reporting, call:
(212) 442-3388